

Minutes
Prescription Work Group
April 9th, 2008

Present: Tom Werner, Kim Vander Weyden, Dianne Vander Weyden, Bryan Scott, Todd Johnson, Dave Fulton and Melinda Malott

I Review and Approval of March 12th minutes.

The March minutes were approved as written by the committee.

- II Updated Resource Guide** – Todd and Melinda presented the group with the newly formatted medication resource guide. Members are asked to review the guide for accuracy. It was suggested that the published date, the author and the website link be included on the front page of the resource guide. Melinda will email an electronic list to all members; Melinda will be responsible for ensuring the document is posted to the webpage. A quarterly review and update was agreed upon, the months for review are January, April, July and October. Todd and the staff from the Community Action agency who worked closely with the list will submit edits to Melinda by the first day of the month in which the list is to be reviewed and updated. In a prior email Katherine and Heather agreed to take the lead on the distribution of the list.

- III Prescription Assistance "Pilot" Program** - Todd noted that Bonnie has moved to a three day a week presence at FMH, she will be on site Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 am – 2pm. He also noted Bonnie had been on leave for two weeks and there was only one referral from FMH to the Community Action Agency for Prescription assistance through the Pilot Project. Members from FMH, Community Action Agency and Tom Warner will be meeting in the next month to discuss the status of the Pilot Project. Melinda suggested the Religious Coalition collect data from clients seeking service to include where the prescription came from (ER, FMH in-patient, Physicians office or Immediate Care Center) in addition she asked to have included the time of day the individual was discharged with their prescriptions. The hope is that we could glean some insight into where and when the Pilot program should focus its effort

- IV. Legislative Updates** - Kim noted an article in the Washington Post that indicated DC council officials were pushing for universal healthcare. The group noted access to care is not just a local issue but a state and national issue. <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/04/08/AR2008040802908.html?referrer=emailarticle>

- V. Update on other Coalition Activities** - The executive committee of the Access to Health Coalition is the recipient of a grant. The Frederick County Community Foundation will serve as the fiscal agent for that grant; the purpose of the grant is to connect uninsured patients to physicians who will commit to provide free medical care. Leigh Joos will be paid out of the grant to spearhead this effort.

- VI. Updated Goals and Objectives for both Full Coalition and Prescription Group** - There is a tentative date of May 21st, 2008 for the next full Coalition meeting. Some items to be discussed at the meeting include a bylaw change and updating the goals and objectives for the larger Coalition as well as updated goals and objectives for the individual subcommittees. Tom would like the group to submit suggestions for goals and objectives for the larger group and the Prescription subcommittee, please provide those ideas to Tom as soon as possible. We will discuss the goals and objectives for the Prescription Group at our next meeting.

- VII Other Business** - Melinda will review the registration list provided by Pat Hanberry and email changes to Julie Gilbert.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for May 14th, 2008 from 4:00pm – 5:30pm at FMH.